

Lesson 11

1 Thessalonians

Possessing the Vessel in Sanctification and Honor

Read 1 Thessalonians to answer the following:

1. How did Paul describe the church at Thessalonica? (1 Thessalonians 1:3) _____

2. What had they done? (1 Thessalonians 1:6) _____
_____ and became
what? (1 Thessalonians 1:7) _____
3. How and what did Paul teach them? (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12) _____

4. When Satan hindered Paul from returning to them, who did he send? (1 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

5. What did Paul teach in 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7? _____

6. What event is described in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18? _____

7. What does 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 say? _____

8. Write ways Christians are to encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15): _____

9. Write ways Christians can grow (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22): _____

10. What does 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 tell us? _____

Answers:

1. Paul described their work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ;

2. They had become followers of Paul, Silas and Timothy, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost; They had become examples to all that believed in Macedonia and Achaia;

3. Paul taught them as his children so that they would walk worthy of God;

4. Paul sent Timotheus (Timothy), their brother, and minister of God, and their fellow-laborer in the Gospel of Christ;

5. Each Christian is to keep his physical body pure in every aspect. Christians need to understand that there are just some things that a Christian cannot do, for they are to, “**know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.**” This means that Christians cannot do the things the rest of the world does (“**even as the Gentiles which know not God**”);

6. The Rapture where the dead in Christ shall rise first, and then we which are alive meet Him in the air;

7. Paul encouraged them to help one another be stronger Christians, helping one another – for the church is the body of Christ that is to be united, functioning together;

8. Paul said to encourage one another to warn those that are unruly, comfort those who are worriers, support those who are weak-minded in their faith (doubting), be patient toward others, do not do evil to any man but follow that which is good.

9. Christians grow by being joyful, praying, giving thanks, not quenching the Spirit, despise not prophesying, being discerning and proving things, holding fast to that which is good, and keeping oneself from all appearances of evil;

10. Paul’s final prayer for Christians was to encourage them that God would be with them, keeping them pure if they would only obey God’s commands;